

NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on April 5.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 26

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

March 27

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fort Hood, TX, where they attended an Easter Sunday service at the 4th Infantry Division Memorial Chapel. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch, where they celebrated Easter with family members.

March 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President participated in a celebration of Greek Independence Day.

During the day, the President had a briefing on the earthquake that struck off the coast of Indonesia earlier in the day.

March 29

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to discuss the Summit of the Americas to be held in November and other issues.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President met with a group of Iraqi citizens who live in the U.S. and who voted in the Iraqi elections in January.

In the afternoon, the President had a briefing on the report by the Commission on the

Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction to be released officially on March 31.

The President announced his intention to nominate Rachel Brand to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Suzanne C. DeFrancis to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alice S. Fisher to be Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip J. Perry to be General Counsel at the Department of Homeland Security.

The President announced his intention to nominate Regina B. Schofield to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Dolan and Robert M. Duncan to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

March 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Bush, who was returning from a visit to Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Al Smith, Jr.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near-record snow on January 22–23.

The President declared an emergency in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record snow on February 10–11.

March 31

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister

Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with members of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, who presented him with their official report. Later, in the Situation Room, he met with members of his Cabinet whose Departments may be affected by the Commission's report.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney. He then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the evening, in the Residence, the President received a briefing from White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr., on the health of Pope John Paul II.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gordon R. England to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric S. Edelman to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

April 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with USA WEEKEND magazine's Make a Difference Day outstanding teen volunteer winners.

Later in the morning, the President, Mrs. Bush, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt went to the Paul Public Charter School, where they met with participants of a mentoring program for children of prisoners.

During the day, the President received updates on the health of Pope John Paul II.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ben S. Bernanke to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Chairman.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth J. Krieg to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President announced his intention to nominate David A. Sampson to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The President announced his intention to designate Rhonda Keenum as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as Governors of the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross: Michael Chertoff; Carlos M. Gutierrez; Michael O. Leavitt; Jim Nicholson; Condoleezza Rice; and Margaret Spellings.

The President announced his intention to appoint Gerald A. Jemison, Mark A. Sadd, and John G. Williams III as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust: John T. Caid; James R. Gosz; Tracy Hephner; and Raymond Loretto.

The President announced his intention to appoint James Balsiger as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commissioners on the International Pacific Halibut Commission and as the U.S. Commissioner on the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission.

The President announced his recess appointments of the following individuals as members of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission: Anthony J. Principi (Chairman); James H. Bilbray; Philip Coyle; Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.); Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner, USAF (Ret.); James V. Hansen; Gen. James T. Hill, USA (Ret.); Samuel Knox Skinner; and Gen. Lloyd Warren Newton, USAF (Ret.).

The President announced his recess appointment of Michael W. Wynne as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

The President declared a major disaster in Maine and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by record and/or near-record snow on March 9.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Released March 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statements by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Hampshire

Released March 31

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by Judge Laurence H. Silberman and former Senator Charles A. Robb on the findings of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Overview of report and transmittal letter from the Commission on the Intelligence Ca-

pabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

Statement by the Press Secretary extending the President's congratulations to Paul D. Wolfowitz on being selected as the next President of the World Bank

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1270

Released April 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Maine

Acts Approved by the President

Approved March 25 *

H.R. 1160 / Public Law 109-4
Welfare Reform Extension Act of 2005

S. 384 / Public Law 109-5
To extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years

Approved March 31

H.R. 1270 / Public Law 109-6
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate

* These Public Laws were not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.